



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, thousands of brave Americans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving the armed forces of the United States of America in active duty posts in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world; and*

*WHEREAS, more than forty percent of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines have left families with children behind; and*

*WHEREAS, more than one million of America's children have at least one parent currently serving active military duty; and*

*WHEREAS, these children are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is only fitting that we take time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they're taking care of us, we're taking care of their children; and*

*WHEREAS, the recognition of a Month of the Military Child will allow us to pay tribute to military children for their commitment, their struggles, and their unconditional support of our troops – because when parents serve in the military, their children also serve; and*

*WHEREAS, a month – long salute military children will encourage support for Kids Serve Too and other organizations and campaigns established to provide direct support to military children and families;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2005, to be*

**THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE